

GAVE ARMS TO STRIKERS THE LUDLOW DISTRICT

Aguilar Physician Admits to Congressional Committee That He Helped Prepare Mine Workers for Battle.

"NO RELATIONS AND DAMN FEW FRIENDS"

Unique Verdict Returned by Coroner's Jury in Case of Unfortunate Miner Killed by Falling Rock.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 28.—An admission that he himself had distributed arms to strikers before one of the battles in the Ludlow district was made before the congressional investigating committee today by Dr. C. V. Bates of Aguilar.

Dr. Bates, who has given medical attention to the strikers on many occasions, admitted also that he had advanced information of a plot "to scare the mine" on the day before the burning of the mine office, tip and post office at the Southwestern mine near Aguilar.

Frish charges of political interference in Las Animas county by officials and employees of the large coal companies were made before the congressional investigating committee by Dr. M. H. Bates, assistant district attorney at Trinidad.

Mr. Bates was called as a witness by the coal operators to testify as to various disorders which he had seen. On cross examination by E. P. Costigan he was questioned regarding political conditions and described several alleged incidents which he said supported his charge of interference by the coal companies.

Judge J. G. Northcutt later secured an admission from the witness that his sympathies were with the unions in the labor controversy.

A. Dillard King, a collector for the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph company, described the fighting in the strike zone on October 26.

Patsy Rosetti, a former striker, said union officials threatened to kill him if he went back to work. His testimony occasioned a long wrangle among the attorneys. Mr. Costigan seeking to establish that the witness had been interviewed in advance by representatives of the mine operators.

Judge Northcutt told the committee that he and his colleagues, as lawyers, always tried to find out in advance what their witnesses would say on the stand. "A lawyer who failed to do that should be disbarred," he added.

Roy Campbell, deputy coroner, was recalled to explain the verdict in the case of a miner killed by a fall of rock. The verdict stated that "Wesley Buckner and that he had 'no relations and damn few friends'."

D. Trejillo, a timber contractor, said he had been interfered with by strikers when he sought to deliver props to the mines. He declared that on one occasion he was severely beaten.

Dr. C. V. Bates of Aguilar who on many occasions has given medical attention to the strikers was asked what he knew about the burning of the mine office and postoffice at the Southwestern mine near Aguilar on October 29. He said that on the day before the fire he talked with D. J. Jeffries. Jeffries, he testified, told him that he was going to "scare the miners" by burning the mine buildings.

Jeffries is held by the federal authorities on a charge of burning mail. The witness then said that he himself had distributed guns to strikers before one of the battles in the Ludlow district.

P. S. Courtney, a railroad employee, told of strike disorders which he said he had seen.

A. W. Brown, a deputy sheriff at Hasting, said he was assaulted by strikers at Aguilar on October 11.

On cross examination it was brought out that Brown is under indictment in the district court on a charge of assault growing out of a shooting affray in a Berwind saloon.

Clinton Robinson, camp marshal at Hasting, said he saw James Higgins, "Jim the Greek," kill Angus Alexander on October 25. He said the fatal shooting took place when guards and strikers clashed.

three months. The report submitted today contains no true bills in connection with strike disorders.

GOVERNOR SAYS FAILURE OF GRAND JURY ENDS IT

Denver, Feb. 28.—When informed that the Las Animas county grand jury had submitted a report today after three months' investigation of conditions and disorders in the coal district without returning any true bills, Governor Ammons expressed the opinion that the state officials could take no action in the matter. He explained that the military prisoners had been turned over to the civil authorities and the failure of the grand jury to indict probably would end the matter unless new disorders occurred.

There was no change today in the military situation. Efforts were being made to reduce the militia in the field as rapidly as conditions warrant, in accordance with the policy announced some time ago by the governor. This reduction was being delayed by unsatisfactory conditions in some localities.

MINERS ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 28.—John Hupta, secretary of the South Range local of the Western Federation of Miners; Nick Verbanes, an organizer, and Joseph Juntunen, members, were arrested this morning on a charge of murdering three non-union miners at Painesdale, December 7. Thomas Dally, Harry James and Arthur James were shot in their beds in Dally's home early that morning. Hupta, according to Sheriff Cruse, has made a confession. The shooting was done with high power rifles from Woods' a short distance from the Dally home.

LAUNDRY HOLDS CLOTHES UNTIL STATE PAYS BILLS

Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 28.—The manager of a local laundry today refused to deliver a large amount of clean clothing to the national guard. The laundryman claimed the state owed him a bill of about \$800 and he would keep the soldiers' shirts and collars and pajamas until at least a part of the account has been paid. The bill is one of those not yet allowed by the state.

State Auditor Ready Knehan today met Major Houghton and Captain Foreman of the militia and began an examination of bills for horses used by the militia. The audit declared today that several horses included in the bills could not be accounted for. The military authorities insisted that any apparent shortage was due to errors in book-keeping.

URGE EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT IN BUREAU OF LABOR

National Conference of Unemployment Would Have Government Take Charge of Distribution of Labor.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] New York, Feb. 28.—A resolution urging the establishment, in the federal department of labor, of a bureau of distribution, with the power to establish employment exchanges throughout the country to supplement the work now being done by state and municipal bureaus, was adopted today by the national conference on unemployment after a two days' consideration of the problem.

This bureau would act as a clearing house of information and would further the distribution of labor. The resolution further recommended that the existing private employment agencies run for profit be brought under the inspection and control of the federal and state authorities.

A sharp attack on government employment bureaus, many of which have been established throughout the country in an effort to solve the problem of the unemployed, was made today by William M. Leiserson, of Madison, Wis.

One Reason for the Unemployed.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—One of the chief reasons for the "army of unemployed" here is the refusal of the men to go to work, according to Charles L. Smith, superintendent of the municipal employment bureau. Mr. Smith sent a report to the mayor today to the effect that out of 347 men assigned to jobs today and given carefare to go to them, 199 failed to report. "Such desertions are a whole-sale all the time," said Smith.

PLUMMER DRUGGED AND ROBBED BY WOMEN

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Hastings, Neb., Feb. 28.—Roy Plummer, a local salesman, missing for the past ten days has been found in Kansas City, according to a message received here today. The man had been drugged and robbed, according to the dispatch. He claimed to have been held prisoner in a hotel by two women.

NO ONE WILL UNDERSTAND SUICIDE'S PARTING MESSAGE

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] North Attleboro, Mass., Feb. 28.—Holding her five-month-old baby in her arms, Mrs. Ralph Dismore jumped from an overhead bridge in the path of a passenger train today. The child was instantly killed and the mother suffered probably fatal injuries.

Mrs. Dismore was 23 years of age and the wife of a young mechanic.

An undressed note found in her clothing read: "No one will understand why I want to die. Forgive me."

\$200,000 Cash Stolen from Postal Van

Sensational Robbery in Heart of Paris—Police Unable to Give Any Information as to Daring Bandits.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Paris, Feb. 28.—More than \$200,000 in cash was stolen from a postoffice van today at one of the railroad stations in Paris. As today is the last of the month, large sums were being transmitted to various points for the payment of monthly salaries and accounts. The police could give no further details of the robbery.

DECLARES NEW YORK HONEYCOMBED WITH GRAFT

Sulzer Offers to Prove to Sullivan Committee that Sixty Millions have been Stolen From Highway Funds Alone

LATEST PUBLIC PROBE BEGINS DELIBERATIONS

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] New York, Feb. 28.—The Sullivan committee, a new graft investigating body, appointed by the lower house of the legislature held its first public hearing in the city hall here today.

The first hearing of the committee was convened by a rift between Governor Sulzer and Alfred E. Smith, a Democratic member of the committee, and speaker of the assembly, when Sulzer was impeached.

Smith challenged the former governor, who was on the stand, to produce the documentary evidence by which Sulzer announced in the assembly recently he would prove that \$60,000,000 of the people's money had been stolen in highway graft. Sulzer retorted that his evidence was a report made to him by his investigator, John E. Hennessy.

Hennessy, called to the stand, testified that the report that he had made was for newspaper publication and that it was not an official document.

It would take six months, Hennessy told the committee, to make a thorough investigation of the state highway department.

Sulzer said that information of fraud in the state highway department came to him during his campaign for governor and that in accordance with pre-election promises, he appointed a committee to investigate and report. "The only investigation sixty days," said Sulzer, "but they found enough in that time to convince me that every department of the state was riddled with graft. I then appointed Hennessy to investigate the highway department and told him to go to the end of the rope, drive out the grafters and to spare nobody."

The legislature, however, refused to appropriate the money to defray the expenses of the investigation. Hennessy investigated forty roads in twenty-two counties and found that their construction was fraudulent.

Hennessy told me that about thirty per cent of the cost of the roads went for their actual construction and the rest was stolen.

"Later, Hennessy discovered an astounding graft in the reconstruction of the state capitol and I ordered State Architect Heffer to resign because of these revelations."

Hennessy was the next witness. He repeated the testimony he gave at District Attorney Whitman's Jon Doe inquiry, describing the manner in which he raised about \$10,000 from Jacob Schiff, Henry L. Stoddard and others to conduct his investigation.

"We got 36 indictments as the results of our investigations," he said.

ATTORNEY ASSURES MRS. BUFFUM OF LIFE

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Little Valley, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum, convicted of murder in the first degree last night for poisoning her husband, and sentenced to die in the electric chair in April, was awakened by Sheriff Dempsey before sunrise today. At 7 o'clock Mrs. Buffum was started on her trip to the death house at Auburn prison.

She relied on the encouragement from her counsel, Patrick C. Collins, who told her last night: "Don't worry, now; keep quiet and leave it all to me. You will never die in the electric chair."

There was a pathetic scene when Mrs. Buffum bid good bye to her five sons.

COMMERCIALIZED VICE IS VAST BUSINESS IN BOSTON

Massachusetts State Commission Declares Financial Profit Resulting is Principal Reason for its Existence.

MILLIONS INVESTED IN ESTABLISHMENTS

Declared That Half Women Engaged in Traffic are Feeble Minded and Fit Subjects for Detention.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Boston, Feb. 28.—The financial profit of the business of prostitution is the principal reason for its existence. No other form of criminal offense so flagrant and open and so harmful to the community would be tolerated for a day in this state.

These declarations are made in the report submitted to the legislature today by a commission appointed last year, which has conducted a detailed investigation in Massachusetts.

The report says that millions of dollars are invested in establishments utilized for immoral purposes and that "prostitution in all its ramifications constitutes a vast business extending all over the state."

The report emphasizes the dangers of unregulated lodging houses, public dance halls and recreation parks.

"The fact that one-half of the women examined were actually feeble-minded," the report says, "clears the way for successful treatment of a portion of this class. The recognition of feeble-minded girls at an early age in the public schools would prevent much immorality among young girls."

While the officials in no city in the state have openly adopted the policy of segregation, as asserted by Henry L. Higginson, a Boston banker, in a letter to Senator Root of New York, which was read to the senate today.

"In the larger cities the most flagrant expression of commercialized prostitution is in connection with certain cafes and saloons."

"The police take the position that they have no right to interfere if the letter of the law is observed."

SCHOOLMATES MEET AT BAR OF JUSTICE

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Chicago, Feb. 28.—Two former schoolmates faced each other at the bar of Judge Landis federal court here today. One was prosecutor, the other a confessed forger. David Stansbury, assistant United States district attorney, was astonished to find that the man whose conviction he had worked for was Harry L. Pollwitz, a former classmate at the Marquette grammar school. Pollwitz admitted that after a brief career as a bond salesman in Chicago, he had cashed worthless checks in Kansas City, Minneapolis and Portland, Ore., and that he served a penitentiary sentence in Utah.

"You and I used to go to school with each other, didn't we?" suddenly asked Stansbury.

Pollwitz hid his face in his hands and wept. "I hoped you wouldn't recognize me," he said.

Stansbury made a plea for Pollwitz, saying that his old school fellow would make good with another chance. Judge Landis said that he would parole Pollwitz if he would work to pay back the \$400 he had obtained by the worthless checks.

Propose Law to Take Place of Foolkiller

No License to be Granted Until Grantee Takes Oath to Ascertain what He is Shooting Before He Shoots.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] New York, Feb. 28.—The Camp Fire club is sending out today a novel proposal in sportsmen's safety legislation. It requires that no license be granted unless the applicant shall, in addition to existing requirements, take an oath "that he will not point any gun or other firearm, loaded or unloaded, in the direction of any person, and further that he will not shoot at any object without first ascertaining that said object is not a human being."

A hunter who injures anyone shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, according to the terms of the proposal.

SMALL DEALERS MAY BE EXEMPT IN NEW ANTI TRUST LAWS

Labor Unions, Farmers and Co-operative Organization not to be Included in Proposed Measures Against Monopoly

LAW TO LIMIT USE OF INJUNCTION PROPOSED

Work of Judiciary Committees Likely to Interfere With Program of Leaders to Adjourn June 1

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Washington, Feb. 28.—Labor unions, farmers, co-operative organizations, and combinations of small retail dealers and manufacturers which do not engage in prices raising probably will be exempted from the provisions of the anti-trust laws now being framed by the house judiciary committee. A bill limiting the use of the injunction in labor disputes also will be reported by the committee to follow the anti-trust measures.

The work of the judiciary committee threatens to interfere with the program of Democratic leaders to conclude the session of congress by June 1, as hearings probably will keep the committee busy until April 1.

The subcommittee of the house interstate and foreign commerce committee working on the interstate trade commission bill, expects to be able to report it to the full committee by next Wednesday or Thursday.

That the publicity propositions of the proposed interstate trade commission bill are "so objectionable that it will fetter and perhaps destroy corporations," and afford opportunity for jealous men to harass their business rivals, was asserted by Henry L. Higginson, a Boston banker, in a letter to Senator Root of New York, which was read to the senate today.

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Carlson Out of Race. Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 28.—Carlson, who won third money in the Vanderbilt cup contest Thursday, broke a crank shaft on the way to the course today and was forced to give up all thoughts of racing. The elimination of his car, No. 5, left sixteen starters.

Automobile Salesman Killed. Los Angeles, Feb. 28.—Paul Frederick Siegel, employee of a Los Angeles automobile firm, was killed today when his car, on the way to the Santa Monica grand prix race, struck a curb and turned turtle. Four men in the car with him escaped with trifling injuries.

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No-Death Record of Pacific Coast Track Broken When Motor Driver Meets Instant Death While Leading Grand Prix.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Santa Monica, Cal., Feb. 28.—J. H. Marquis, driving an English car in the fifth international grand prix race, was fatally injured today on the Santa Monica road race course. He was leading the racers at the time, going 80 miles an hour at a turn, when his car keeled over and pinned him beneath it, crushing his body and skull. His mechanism was only slightly injured.

This was the first serious accident in the history of the Santa Monica course. Marquis' car crashed against an iron barricade. He was pinned down, the weight of the car resting upon his stomach and hip. His head had struck the paved track with such impact that his skull was fractured.

Marquis was 31 years old. He gained his experience as mechanic for Louis Strang.

Standing for thirty laps: Marquis, 3:10:31; Anderson, 3:11:01; De Palma, 3:12:07; Pullen, 3:12:38.

Average speed, 79.4 miles per hour. Teddy Tetslaff, who set the Santa Monica course record of 73.72 miles per hour, made the first lap today at 81 miles an hour, but in the first three laps had to stop twice to change flat tires.

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PUNISHMENT FOR SLAYER OF VERGARA UNLIKELY

Troop of Mexicans Supposed to Have Done Hanging is Quietly Moved Out of Reach From the Border.

HUERTA PROMISES TO MAKE INVESTIGATION

Investigators into Benton Case Likely to Leave for Chihuahua City Tomorrow—Aeroplane for Villa.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] El Paso, Feb. 28.—George C. Carothers said that he hoped to start for Chihuahua City by tonight. He will travel on a gasoline propelled, capable of running forty miles an hour. Carothers intends to remain with General Villa throughout the latter's campaign south.

Charles A. C. Perceval, British consul at Galveston, now here to investigate the killing of William S. Benton, continued his labors in secret today. The name of Albrecht Weiss, a German boy speaking imperfect English, and who claims to have been at Villa's headquarters when Benton was killed was presented to Mr. Perceval as a possible witness.

The boy, according to Charles A. Bender, of this city, who discovered him on this side, and as told by the boy himself, went to Villa's office to apply for a job as a cook. He was there at 10 o'clock in the morning, he said, and saw a man answering Benton's description enter. Weiss waited until 3 o'clock in the afternoon before getting an audience. About noon he saw the man who looked like Benton was brought out. Rebel guards were holding his arms behind him and apparently supporting him. No shots had been fired he said. The prisoner was taken into a rear room and the boy saw him no more. Incidentally he failed to get a job.

During the forenoon Mr. Perceval in his room saw George Curry, Richard M. Dudley and the Huerta consul, Miguel Diebold, stationed in this city. Mr. Perceval thanked them for their offers of assistance and said that later he might call upon them.

Murderers of Vergara Moved. Laredo, Tex., Feb. 28.—The detachment of Mexican federalists at Hidalgo, near the Texas border, was reported today to have evacuated that point. One report said the detachment had been ordered to another station in the course of regular duty. Hidalgo is on the Rio Grande and in close touch with the Texas border.

It was to the Hidalgo command that Apolonia Huerta and the five other Mexicans accused of kidnapping Vergara were apparently attached. No reports were available here as to any action on foot looking to the recovery of Vergara's body.

Little Hope for Punishment. Laredo, Texas, Feb. 28.—Americans along the Mexican border were not hopeful today that the slayer of Clement Vergara, the Texas ranchman, killed by Mexican federalists would be identified and punished by Provisional President Tuxtepec's government.

It was pointed out that the Mexican war department exercised little restraint over the isolated bands of federal troops.

The location of the body was still unknown today. It is hoped to bring it back to the United States.

Washington Expects Results. Washington, Feb. 28.—Officials here discussed with much interest today the report of Captain Sanders of the Texas rangers, saying that Clement Vergara, an American citizen reported hanged, had been kidnapped and shot by Mexican federalists.

While Consul Garrett has been ordered to make an extended inquiry and vigorous representations demanding reparations have been made to the Huerta government at Mexico City, there was little official information today on the Vergara killing, which had admittedly stirred the Washington government just as much as the recent execution of William S. Benton, a British subject at Juarez.

The inquiry into the Benton case was planned to begin in earnest today or tomorrow with the departure of a special train from Juarez for Chihuahua bearing representatives of England and the United States.

While no satisfactory answer has been made to the American government's request for the surrender of the body to the widow, that point will not be passed until all evidence of a medical examination is secured.

That General Carranza was rapidly getting into touch with the situation at Juarez and Chihuahua and would exert his influence to clear up the Benton case, was the informal assurance.

TURKISH AVIATORS JOIN HAPPY BAN

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald.] Constantinople, Feb. 28.—Young officers of the Turkish military aviation corps, were killed today while attempting to fly from Constantinople to Alexandria, Egypt.

After leaving Damascus on the way to Jerusalem, the aeroplane broke down in mid-air and the two aviators fell with it from a high altitude.